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RE: UNITED STATES V. JEFFREY HART

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Senior U.S. District Judge John T. Elfvin sentenced Jeffrey Hart, 28, of Tonawanda, New York, to 57 months incarceration for possessing child pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie Grisanti, who handled the case, said the defendant pled guilty on February 4, 2005. Grisanti said Hart possessed numerous images of child pornography on a computer at his Tonawanda residence, and that from time to time he distributed child pornography with the expectation of receiving other child pornography in return.

This case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge Peter J. Ahearn and the Town of Tonawanda Police Department, under the direction of Chief Samuel M. Palmiere.

Hart resigned from his position as an Art teacher at Hoover Elementary and Middle Schools in June of 2004.

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